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## City looking to add zoning regulations

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The City of Loogootee is currently considering implementing zoning rules and regulations within the city confines. The ordinance that was presented to the city council a few months ago, was created by a committee along with the help of Midwestern Engineers. The ordinance contains hundreds of pages of new rules and regulations pertaining to development within the City of Loogootee. Many components of the ordinance were taken from Petersburg and Jasper.

If passed, the city will be divided into zoning districts to include residential, commercial, industrial, special districts (agricultural and open spaces), and overlay districts (flood hazard areas).

The ordinance states that due to urbanization within the city, many new problems involving transportation, drainage, sewage, land use, water, schools, and recreation have been created. The zoning rules are to improve the health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the citizens and to plan for future development of the city.

Structures that existed prior to the city passing the zoning ordinance can be maintained and changed as long as

no structural change is made that violates the new ordinance.

The ordinance adds language for the height of buildings, how far things such as canopies, porches or architectural features can extend from a structure; how high fences, walls, or hedges may be; how far satellite dishes can be from a dwelling, and the minimum floor area for apartments or homes. The ordinance also has sections relating to outdoor advertising signs and business signage, landscape requirements (including a list of preferred trees).

The ordinance also states that any building erected after the passage of the ordinance must be built on a lot.

Also, buildings built after the passage of the ordinance must provide parking space and loading and unloading areas. The rules do not apply to existing buildings as long as those buildings remain. The ordinance also states size requirements for all parking spaces and how many parking spots are required to be provided for residential or commercial dwellings.

As far as the districts, they are explained in the ordinance:

Agriculture: This district has been established and shown on the zoning map to minimize conversion of farmland to non-farm use and to protect agricultur- (See 'ZONING' continued on page 2)

## Groups to host veteran ceremony, guest speaker, Idol runner-up

The Martin County American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will host a Veteran Appreciation Ceremony on Saturday November 5, at the Loogootee American Legion Post. The ceremony will begin with a veterans' parade from the Loogootee High School to the Legion Post at 2 p.m., followed by ceremonies at approximately 3 p.m. at the Legion.

Featured guest speaker will be Major (Retired) Amy McIntosh, a retired Army Nurse Practitioner. Major McIntosh first served in the Army as an enlisted Army Medic, stationed in Germany and at Walter Reed Hospital. McIntosh left the Army and received her Associate's Degree in nursing from Daytona Beach Community College, then re-enlisted in the Army and was accepted into the Army Nursing Program at Austin Peay State University.

Major McIntosh served with the 88th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) in Iraq, the 115th CSH in Kuwait, and various duty stations in the United States.

Additionally, Major McIntosh will be accompanied by her daughter, Tristan McIntosh, a runner up in early 2016 on the TV show American Idol, and currently a singer in Nashville, Tennessee. Tristan has an interesting and entertaining Facebook and YouTube page, and will be performing the National Anthem and other selections during the veterans' ceremony. Tristan has performed with, and opened for, a variety of well-known Nashville stars, and will be singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA".

All veterans from Loogootee and surrounding areas are welcome to participate in the parade, and the ceremonies at the Legion are open to everyone who want to demonstrate their appreciation to veterans for their sacrifice for our country. For additional information about the events on November 5, contact the American Legion Post 120 at 812-295-2085.

## Bridge closure notice

According to the Martin County Commissioners, on or around Friday, November 4, Spouts Spring Bridge #62 will be closed for 2-3 weeks for repairs.



## Car fire

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Loogootee Fire Department extinguished a car fire at a residence off DogWood Hill Street in Loogootee last Friday. According to Loogootee Fire Chief Morgan Huebner, the fire was caused by spilled gas in the vehicle and the owner attempting to clean up the gas with a ShopVac.

## Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Tri Kappa

BY JUDY TREFFINGER  
Chapter Historian

This is the second in a series of four articles leading up to the Loogootee-Shoals Chapter of Tri Kappa's 75th anniversary open house this month.

"To lend a hand" is what Tri Kappa does throughout the state of Indiana and the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter has been providing 75 years of service since November of 1941 by promoting charity, culture and education.

Tri Kappa has supported Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis since 1922 and the first donation by the local chapter was given to the hospital in 1942 and the contributions continue today. Each two-year term of the sorority a special project is designated for the hospital by the Tri Kappa State Philanthropy Committee and chapters throughout the state donate to this project. Members of the Loogootee-Shoals chapter make fleece blankets each spring for the hospital. Throughout the years, items on the 'wish list' for the toy room have been given and puppy pillows and surgical dolls have been made.

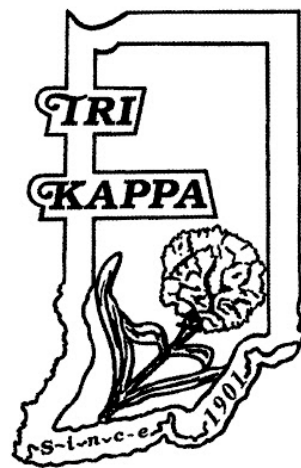
In 1942, the chapter spread Christmas cheer by giving Christmas baskets to children in Loogootee and Shoals. In 1943, 75 boxes were sent to boys in service hospitals and in 1944 the ladies knitted 264 wash clothes for the Red Cross. In 1947, a crank-type hospital bed was bought to be used in the county and a second bed was bought in 1949. These beds were donated to St Vincent de Paul in 1972. In the early years of the local sorority a donation was made to the Jasper Hospital toward an isolette

and an oxygen tent was purchased for the Daviess County Hospital.

In 1953, members began giving mental health gifts to the patients

at Evansville and the practice continued for several years. The chapter made its first donation to the American Cancer Society in 1943 and annually continues to support the local ACS's Relay for Life. Since 1985, the chapter has provided Christmas presents for residents without family at the two nursing homes and ResCare and a Christmas card goes to all of the residents

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THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.  
Set your clocks back one hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time.



As of Monday, almost 1,000 Martin County residents have early voted at the courthouse. Early voting continues this week and the courthouse is open Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; this Saturday 8 a.m.-noon and Monday 8 a.m.-noon. Monday at noon is the deadline to cast an early ballot. The polls are open Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, contact the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

# ZONING

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al areas from urban encroachment and reduce conflict over competing land uses.

Residential (R-1 and R-2): These districts are for single-family and multi-family dwellings. Manufactured/modular homes shall have an asphalt shingle roof, a roof pitch of 4'12", house-type windows, 950 square feet of occupied space, and must be placed on a permanent foundation of a minimum exposed three-block high on a spread footer. Lot areas have additional requirements outlined in the ordinance.

Mobile Home Park (MPH District): The MPH District is intended for commercial development leasing and location of mobile home parks and the regulations and control of mobile homes within the park sites. It is further intended that mobile home parks be well designed and adhere to high standards of development to insure compatibility with surrounding areas and safety of occupants of mobile homes. Plans for the development of a new mobile home park would have to be approved by the

zoning board.

Neighborhood Business (B-1 District): This district is intended to provide "neighborhood" retail goods and services for the convenience of residents near residential areas. Uses that provide nondurable goods and personal services are considered "neighborhood" commercial uses appropriated in the district.

Central Business (B-2) District: This district is intended for downtown Loogootee where storefronts are located on the front property line and parking is located on the street or behind the structure. Retail, office and institutional uses of importance to the entire community are encouraged to locate in this district. Apartments above commercial uses are not encouraged however, multi-family uses such as apartments and townhouses are permitted on separate lots. However auto-oriented uses that require significant off-street parking or that result in the setback of the building from the front property line are excluded because of their inconsistency with the urban design character

of downtown Loogootee.

General Business (B-3 District): This district is intended for business along arterial roadways in Loogootee outside of downtown where storefronts about the front property line.

Industrial (I-1 and I-2 Districts): These districts include manufacturing, wholesaling, and warehousing uses.

Open Spaces (OP District): This district is intended solely for publicly owned property used for recreational purposes open to the general public.

Floodplain Management Regulation (FHA District): Areas in the City of Loogootee considered flood hazard areas.

The ordinance lays out rules for every type of business, from bars to veterinarian offices to churches. The ordinance also contains a 41-page section on the control of subdivisions within the city.

The ordinance also lays out a fee structure for the cost to build or improve a current structure in any zoning

district in Loogootee. This includes permits, the hourly rate of the building inspector to review plans, and appealing a decision or requesting a special meeting.

A five-member Board of Zoning Appeals will be established as part of the Loogootee Plan Commission. Three citizen members will be appointed by the mayor, one member appointed by the Loogootee City Council and one citizen member appointed by the Advisory Plan Commission. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear any appeals regarding the zoning ordinance and approve or deny uses.

The Loogootee City Council meets Monday night, November 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. According to Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, the council plans to have a discussion of the proposed zoning ordinance after they conduct the regular business of the council. The ordinance is still in the draft stage.

## TRI KAPPA

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as well as to shut-ins. Donations are given annually to Cops for Kids, formerly known as Shop with a Cop.

The Delta Tau Chapter made its first donation to the local 4-H program in 1953 with a traveling achievement award. In 1961 it was changed to the 4-H Dress Revue award. The chapter continues to recognize 4-H achievements at each Fair and contributes annually to the 4-H Council. Tri Kappa members work the 4-H food booth one evening each year at the Fair.

Providing scholarships is an important part of Tri Kappa's annual budget, both locally and on the state level. At the 1913 state convention, scholarship was adopted as the sorority's first statewide project. In 1944 the winner of the local chapter's first scholastic award was Barbara Shipman of Shoals. She received \$10 for achieving the highest average for the year among senior girls in the county. Starting in 1948, the local scholarships were based on the four-year average.

Currently a \$500 scholarship is given to a graduating senior (boy or girl) at both Loogootee and Shoals high schools determined by their application and since 1981 a monetary award has been given to the valedictorian and salutatorian at both county schools. Throughout the years, support of our county schools has continued with annual donations to the art, choral, and band departments, the school libraries and the post proms. The chapter supports ACCTS which provides school supplies and one of the recycled plastic benches was purchased for the elementary school.

Over the years, donations have been made to the schools for an audiometer, encyclopedias, musical instruments, and computers.

Each year a chapter can nominate a college student for a state academic scholarship and since 1954 several local students have received this award with the most recent being Rachel Harder of Shoals.

The chapter also provides camps for a Martin County student to attend Camp Riley, Law Enforcement Camp or Diabetes Camp. The sorority does not provide funding for athletic camps.

In 1959, a state memorial fund was established to give emergency aid to students at Indiana colleges and

universities. The fund is maintained through contributions made in memory or honor of a person.

Student art shows were sponsored at both high schools and in 2002 two custom-made display cases were donated for the foyer of the LHS auditorium.

The sorority held the seventh annual Top Ten Academic Dinner this spring to honor the top 10 LHS graduates, their parents and a mentor.

Through the years the chapter has sponsored a girl for Girls State with the first being Carolyn Thompson (Arvin) in 1955. When the tragic fire happened at St John's school in 1968 and the second fire in 1969, Tri Kappa made contributions.

Annual donations are made to the Loogootee Public Library and when it moved to its new location on the square, the chapter funded the furnishings for the conference room. Since then donations have gone for bookcases and to upgrade the computers.

The Loogootee Municipal Pool has been supported by Tri Kappa since its construction with a donation of \$1,000 in 1954. In 1980, an additional \$400 was given and in recent years when major renovations became necessary, the chapter donated \$4,000 with the newly renovated pool opening in July of 2015.

Annual donations are also given to the Martin County Community Foundation, humane society, museum, and SOAR.

At the Shoals Catfish Festival, Tri Kappa has sponsored the sidewalk chalk art contest with Dorothy Albright serving as chairman of the project for many years. In recent years, a sidewalk chalk art contest is also being held at the Loogootee SummerFest.

Throughout the years, members have "Little Kindnesses" when items are brought to

the meetings to be donated to various causes in our county including the humane society, food pantries, the schools, appreciation baskets for our law enforcement and fire department personnel, and gift wrapping items to be used at the annual toy store.

The women of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter are proud to be a part of this state-wide organization which is here to lend a hand in our community.

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# Obituaries

## EILEEN GREEN

Eileen Green passed away at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 2016 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 90.

She was born August 24, 1926 in Evansville; the daughter of Pete and Gletis (Patterson) Strawn. She was one of seven children, six girls and one boy. She loved being part of a large family. She married Harold Green who preceded her in death just three months prior to their 70th wedding anniversary.

Eileen and Harold worked hard all their lives. They had numerous businesses from owning motels, a ladies' dress shop, to a preschool. Her favorite business was the skating rink where she listened to squealing kids and pounding music.

She enjoyed watching and talking to the children. Eileen was a full partner in each business. Harold was the daring one while she was the practical one. She provided a good balance to their relationship, they made a good team.

But most of all Eileen was a loving mother to her children. She adored her grandchildren and found great joy spending time with her sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Karla (Jim) Vest of Pittsboro; one son, Dennie (Julie) Green of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Kasie and Mitchell Green of Loogootee and Kyle Green of Colonial Heights, Virginia; and sisters, Charlotte Meyer, Betty (Joe) Gray, and Susie Page, all of Loogootee. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pete and Gletis Strawn; her husband, Harold Green; two sisters, Orvilla Bowling and Lucille Brown and one brother, James Strawn.

Funeral services were conducted this morning, Wednesday, November 2 at Loogootee United Methodist Church with Pastor Gary Elsten officiating. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Blake Funeral Home, in Loogootee, was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## DONALD MCCARTHY

Donald McCarthy passed away at 5:40 a.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at St. Charles Health Campus. A resident of Jasper, he was 88.

He was born September 7, 1928 in Loogootee; son of the late Michael Leonard and Florence (Mudd) McCarthy.

He retired from the United States Army. While serving in the U.S. Army, he spent 20 years on active duty and 10 years on reserve duty. He was a three-war veteran serving in World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War.

He was a lifelong member of the Veteran of Foreign War. He enjoyed

traveling and skeet shooting.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa (Becerra Angulo) McCarthy of Jasper; sons, Bernard McCarthy of Lexington, Kentucky; James McCarthy of Jasper; and John McCarthy of Jasper; grandchildren, Anthony Beamon, Valerie, Kristie, and Amanda McCarthy; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Catherine Patterson of Washington.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas McCarthy; parents, Michael Leonard and Florence (Mudd) McCarthy; sisters, Helen (Norvan "Slim") Fullerton and Clara (Joe) Doyle; and brother-in-law, Pat Patterson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 29 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery - Barr Township.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## CHANNA WILLIAMS

Channa Jane Williams, formerly of Princeton, passed away Monday, October 24, 2016 in Paducah, Kentucky. A resident of Loogootee, she was 55.

She was born February 22, 1961 in Gibson County; daughter of James



CHANNA WILLIAMS

and Patricia (Mitchell) Mowry. She spent 20 years as a carpenter. She lived in Loogootee for the last four years and was a cook at the local Dairy Queen. She was a member of the Harvest Church in Bloomfield.

She loved plants, boating, spending time on Kentucky Lake, NASCAR, and decorating, and she was an avid Colts fan.

She is survived by her son, Nick Parker of Gilbertsville, Kentucky; father, James Mowry of Bloomfield; granddaughter, Samantha Parker; sister, Debra Parsons of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Mowry in 2007; and grandparents, William and Hazel Mowry and Clifton and Ruth Mitchell.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 28 at the Colvin Funeral Home in Princeton, with Pastor Jeff Williams officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5250 Vogel Road, #A, Evansville, IN 47715.

You may leave a message of sympathy or light a memorial candle at [www.colvinfuneralhome.com](http://www.colvinfuneralhome.com).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

2:22 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd performed a welfare check in Loogootee.

2:54 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd performed a welfare check in Loogootee.

4:11 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and all was okay.

7:40 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

4:40 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

4:59 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Shinn responded.

8:21 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on SR 550. Deputy Shinn responded.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

9:41 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:42 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded and all was okay.

10:55 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Crane. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Salmon, and Deputy Shinn responded.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

2:20 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded. Upon investigation, it was determined that a fight proceeded the accident. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, and Captain Dant responded. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to the Daviess Community Hospital.

4:55 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense assisted with traffic control.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:09 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief

Rayhill responded.

4:45 p.m. - Deputy Floyd transported one inmate from the Rockville Correctional Facility.

7:13 p.m. - Received a report of a dumpster fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver and Deputy Reed responded.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

10:12 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court in Daviess County.

12:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

1:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

21:15 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:48 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

6:09 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out near Shoals. The owner was contacted.

9:52 p.m. - Received a domestic complaint near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Shinn, Reserve Deputy Wright and Reserve Deputy Kidwell responded.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:35 a.m. - Received a report of an object in the roadway on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded and removed the object.

8:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Major Burkhardt responded. No one was transported.

10:44 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist near Shoals.

2:16 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

2:52 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:29 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Crane. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:40 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a

motorist in Loogootee.

9:33 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:36 a.m. - Received several calls from Crane in reference to noise. Deputy Reed responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of a

reckless driver south of Loogootee on US 231. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

4:37 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

4:50 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted with the parade in Loogootee.

4:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker, Sergeant Keller, and Deputy Shinn responded. They secured the building.

7:32 a.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

9:41 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

## Martin County real estate transfers

### Marjorie J. Keith to LaDawn K. Joyner.

Parcel 1: A part of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 2 West, Lawrence County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Parcel II: A part of Section 30 and a part of Section 31, both in Township 5 North, Range 2 West, Lawrence County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Parcel III: A part of Section 25 and a part of Section 36, both in Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana.

### Joshua E. Fegan to Joshua E. Fegan and Courtney L. Fegan,

a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing approximately 4.64 acres, more or less.

### Smith Investment Property, LLC to Lisa Blair,

that portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.272 acres, more or less.

### Patricia A. Nodolski, Sharon Jean Smith, Kathleen T. Steuer and Gail Marie Jaros to James A. Petty and Guy R. Petty,

the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less, in Martin County, Indiana.

### Anthony S. Fink, of Martin County, Indiana to Hunter L. Johnson,

of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 51.33 acres, more or less.

### Randy Scott, of Boone County, Indiana to Harold L. Sipes and Debra R. Sipes,

of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, formerly being Lots Number 8 and 12 in Hitchcock's Addition to Indian Springs, containing one and one-half acre, more or less.

### Jason S. King, of Martin County,

### Indiana and John M. Morris a/k/a Johnie M. Morris,

of Bartholomew County, Indiana to Jason S. King and Jason Ryan King, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

### Geneva M. Morris, of Martin County, Indiana and Johnnie M. Morris a/k/a Johnie M. Morris,

of Bartholomew County, Indiana to Virginia L. Morris and Jason S. King, Johnny M. Prunty, and Jason Ryan King, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. Tract II: The east half of the northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 98.512 acres, more or less.

### Jip Yoon and Kaye Yoon, of Monroe County, Indiana to Kerns Property Management, LLC,

of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the east half of Lot Number 81 and a part of a tract of land 17 feet in even width off the west side of Lot Number 80 in the City of Loogootee, containing 0.080 acres, more or less.

### Dorothy S. Bough, of Martin County, Indiana to Sherry Lynn Hillenburg,

of Lawrence County, Indiana; Janice Gail Jeffers, Karen Kaye Murray and Kathryn Ann Lythgoe, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: All that part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, which lies west of Boggs Creek, containing 30 acres, more or less. Also, all that part or portion of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 3 acres, more or less. Tract II: A tract of land in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.116 acres, more or less. Tract III: A tract of land in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE!

KEVIN R. BOYD

Martin County Commissioner District 1

Your vote would be greatly appreciated!

-Paid for by Kevin R. Boyd

# COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed September 28

Jessica N. Lomax-Whorral, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; two counts of operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, Class 6 Felonies.

## September 30

Richard B. Gilbert, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Mark A. Taylor, maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Randy L. Stone, unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony.

## October 4

Nicole R. Miller, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## October 13

Dustin Allen Joy, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## October 17

Nikki M. Williams, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Rikenkumar T. Patel, resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

## October 19

Megan E. Davies vs. Joshua N. Davies, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## October 24

Capital One Bank vs. Caleb A. Sanders, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS New Suits Filed

## October 19

William Marks vs. Skyla Bradford and Jason Bradford, complaint.

## October 21

Tracey Bogue vs. Carla Holt, complaint.

## October 25

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Carrie Arvin, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

## October 19

Mitchell J. Mathias of Loogootee and Elizabeth J. Truelove of Loogootee.

## October 28

Kimberly Jo Henninger of Shoals and Mark Alan Horton of Shoals.

## October 31

Robert W. Goldsberry of Shoals and Tammy L. Carrico of Shoals.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

2:22 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male on Broadway Street.

2:54 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

4:11 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

8:36 a.m. - Caller reported a theft from her yard on Walker Street.

9:58 a.m. - Received a call of a vehicle with an unsafe load on US 231.

11:45 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle parked in the road on West Williams St.

3:57 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle passed a bus with the stop arm out.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:10 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a dog.

2:16 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious odor.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:30 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

4:40 p.m. - Caller reported problems with a student at the high school.

9:16 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:05 p.m. - Caller reported a person on a property that shouldn't be there.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 a.m. - Female reported her son receiving threats.

11:16 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:51 p.m. - Female came on station to fill out a pick-up order for her son.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:34 a.m. - Caller reported a fight near Bloomfield Road.

# Traffic stop leads to meth arrest

On October 27 at approximately 8:40 p.m., Loogootee Patrolman Damon Baker conducted a traffic stop on a gray Pontiac, driven by Kyle Kelly, near the intersection of Broadway Street and Industrial Avenue in Loogootee. Patrolman Baker then requested Martin County Deputy Reed and K9 Officer Virka to his location. K9 Virka gave a positive indication for narcotics near the driver's door. A short time later, a passenger in the vehicle, Eric King, advised Patrolman Baker that he was in possession of methamphetamine and marijuana. King also stated he was in possession of two knives, one of them being inside his overalls near his chest. King then presented a bag of substance that he advised was methamphetamine to Officer Baker.

When Officer Baker began to search King for any other drugs and weapons, King reached inside his bib overalls towards the location he told Baker he possessed the knife. Baker advised King to leave his hands on the hood. At this time, several more bags of suspected methamphetamine fell out of King's pant leg.

Baker advised King that he would be placing him in handcuffs. King began to back away from Baker and jerked his arm away from him. Baker advised King if he resisted he may be tased. King advised that he wouldn't resist and placed his hands on the hood. Again, Baker attempted to take King into custody a second time and was met with resistance as King forcefully jerked away from him and attempted to grab the bags of suspected methamphetamine as he fled. Baker and Reed yelled for King to stop running then Baker announced taser indicating that he would taser King if he didn't stop and King continued to flee. Baker deployed his taser, temporarily incapacitating King.

As Patrolman Baker and Deputy Reed

2:05 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Dogwood Hill Street for a vehicle fire.

4:58 p.m. - Caller reported someone burning something in Shaded Estates.

5:22 p.m. - Officer Baker and Officer Floyd assisted with a traffic detail.

6:30 p.m. - Officer Floyd transported an inmate from St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:45 a.m. - Officer Baker assisted with a funeral procession.

10:45 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

2:00 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted a motorist.

2:16 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

6:31 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

8:40 p.m. - Male came on station to report theft.

9:32 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

9:51 p.m. - Caller reported a stray dog on Broadway Street.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported property damage on JFK Avenue.

10:51 a.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

1:03 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:30 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

7:32 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

7:50 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted with a parade.

8:12 p.m. - Caller reported a gas leak on NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.



were trying to take King into custody, he continued to resist and grab at his chest area where he possessed his knife with his left hand. Immediately after taking King into custody Officer Baker and Deputy Reed provided treatment to King and called EMS and first responders to treat King for injuries sustained from the taser. While EMS was attempting to treat King, he kicked at medical personnel and attempted to get up several times in a combative manner. King spit blood at officers and EMS personnel while they treated him.

A total of six bags of methamphetamine weighing 9 grams, hypodermic needles, paraphernalia and marijuana were located on King, as well as two knives and a handcuff key.

Eric Kings is currently being held in the Martin County Security Center with no bond on the following charges: possession of methamphetamine, dealing methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe, resisting law enforcement, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, visiting a common nuisance, and battery by bodily waste on a public safety official. Kyle Kelly is currently being held in the Martin County Security Center with no bond on the following charges: possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

# ARRESTS

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

12:05 p.m. - Jordan Davis, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Pike County warrant and transferred to Pike County.

6:55 p.m. - Doug Sims, 43, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Shinn on a warrant and is being held without bond.

9:41 p.m. - Travis Salmon, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of meth, possession of a syringe, and maintaining a common nuisance. He has no bond. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Captain Hennette and K9 Officer Roxy assisted with the arrest.

10:50 p.m. - Larry Troxel, 31, of Bloomington, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating while intoxicated. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%. Deputy Shinn was assisted by ISP Officer Brummett.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

3:59 a.m. - J Paul Keller, 19, of Vincennes, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:20 p.m. - Joe Earl Jr, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with aggravated battery and possession of meth. His bond has been set at \$50,000 10%. Assisting with the investigation was Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Keller, and Captain Dant.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:45 p.m. - Kyle Kelly, 25, of Montgomery, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker and charged with possession of meth, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. His bond has bent set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Trooper Beaver, Deputy Reed and K9 Officer Virka.

12:24 a.m. - Lamont Edwards, 33, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with battery. He is being held without bond.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

1:30 p.m. - Brad Edwards, 41, of Louisville, was arrested for domestic battery and is being held without bond.

8:25 p.m. - Jason Clark, 34, of Paoli, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and Reserve Deputy Wright on a warrant and is being held without bond.

9:55 p.m. - Eric King, 33, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker and charged with possession of meth, dealing in meth, possession of a syringe, resisting law enforcement, visiting a common nuisance, battery by bodily waste, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted in the arrest.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:14 a.m. - Ashley Reichert, 38, of Fountaintown, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with battery. He is being held without bond. Deputy Shinn was assisted by Town Marshal Eckert, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Reserve Deputy Wright and Reserve Deputy Kidwell.

8:42 p.m. - Timothy Sterling, 44, of Dubois, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal and being a habitual offender. He is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was Town Marshal Eckert.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The older I get, the more I think about where I will end up when I can no longer care for my every day needs. Although our community has some very fine nursing homes, the following might pertain to some that I've heard about.

### JAILS AND NURSING HOMES

Here's the way it should be: Let's put the seniors in jail and the criminals in nursing homes. This would correct two things in one motion: Seniors would have access to showers, hobbies and walks. They would receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs, etc.

They would receive money instead of having to pay it out. They would have constant video monitoring, so they would be helped instantly.... if they fell or needed assistance.

Bedding would be washed twice a week and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them.

A guard would check on them every 20 minutes. All meals and snacks would be brought to them. They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose.

They would have access to a library, weight/fitness room, spiritual counseling, a pool and education....and free admission to in-house concerts by nationally recognized entertainment artists.

Simple clothing - i.e. shoes, slippers, pj's - and legal aid would be free, upon request.

There would be private, secure rooms provided for all with an outdoor exercise yard complete with gardens.

Each senior would have a P.C., T.V., phone and radio in their room at no cost. They would receive daily phone calls. There would be a board of directors to hear any complaints and the ACLU would fight for their rights and protection.

The guards would have a code of conduct to be strictly adhered to, with attorneys available, at no charge to protect the seniors and their families

### City now accepting entries for Christmas Parade

Time is fast approaching for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Sunday, December 4 along with the downtown stores being open for Christmas shoppers as the Christmas Stroll will start at 5 p.m. The parade will proceed through downtown at 6 p.m.

The Theme for the parade is "Christmas 200 Years Ago" to honor Indiana's Bicentennial celebration this year.

Entries are being accepted by calling the mayor's office at 295-4770 or stopping in for an entry form.

Santa will again pay a visit during the parade and candy will be passed out to the young ones in attendance.

There will be lighted floats for you to enjoy along with marching bands and Christmas carolers will perform on the square at 7 p.m.

from abuse or neglect.

As for the criminals: They would receive cold food. They would be left alone and unsupervised. They would receive showers once a week.

They would live in tiny rooms, for which they would have to pay \$5,000 per month.

They would have no hope of ever getting out. "Sounds like justice to me!"

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. You know you are getting older when you use the word "thing" all the time because you can no longer remember what things are called.

2. Dammit I'm mad is the same spelled backwards.

3. It's like our office thermometer only has two settings: Eternal hell fire or Hypothermia.

4. I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.

5. Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

6. Don't mind me. I'm just returning your nose. I found it in my business again.

7. I'm pretty sure that kids think the word "No" means ask mom repeatedly until she either changes her mind, or loses it.

8. That kill me moment when you think you're done with the dishes and you turn around and see those pots on the stove.

9. I thought growing old would take longer.

10. If I were a ghost, I would go into homes of OCD people and tilt the pictures on the wall.

11. I feel like I'm already tired tomorrow.

12. I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

13. Isn't it great to live in the 21st century? Where deleting history has become more important than making it.

14. My daughter wanted a Cinderella-themed party so I invited all her friends over and made them clean my house.

15. Changed our swear jar into one where the kids put in \$1 every time they argue with us. Been only a week but we've already raised \$3 billion.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Sons of the American Revolution, will hold the final meeting for 2016 on November 15 at the Free Methodist Church, 640 R Street in Bedford. Dinner will be at 6 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. At this meeting, they will be taking nominations for the 2017 Chapter Officers. Compatriot T. Rex Legler II will present a couple of Flag Streamers for the Chapter. They have one new member to induct into the Chapter.

### Democratic meeting notice

The Martin County Democratic Party will meet Wednesday, November 16 at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room of Loogootee City Hall. The party will be electing a female vice chair. If you are female and are interested in this position, contact Roger Downey, 72 hours prior to the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, at 812-639-8106 or email rsdbench@hotmail.com.

### Surviving the Holidays Program

Surviving the Holidays with Grief Program to be offered at Loogootee United Methodist Church on Monday, November 10 at 6 p.m. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Call 295-3049 to sign-up.

### Talk to a lawyer clinic

The November talk to a lawyer is scheduled for Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. CST. For individuals in the Eastern Time Zone, the time would be between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. During those hours, volunteer attorneys and paralegals will be available to answer general legal questions from the public. The holidays are fast approaching, so this is a great time to brush up on Indiana law for those occasions when questions arise. To contact the free telephone clinic, the numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. Talk to a Lawyer is co-sponsored by the Evansville Bar Foundation, Indiana Bar Foundation and Volunteer Lawyer Program of SW Indiana.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship

hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit [www.martinswcd.com](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

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## Chamber holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met October 19 at The Lodge in Loogootee. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Overlook & American Tree Experts-Marie Hawkins, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, West Boggs Park-Jameson Hibbs, SOAR-Bev McIntosh, Saltbox Lodge & Highland House-James and Donna Stoughton, Hollie's Eat & Treats and the Martin County Humane Society-Theresa Abney, NSA Crane-Todd Woods and CDR Tim Craddock, Martin County Alliance-Tim Kinder, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, Maranatha Tabernacle Church-Duane Smith, Duke Energy-Kurt Phegley, Marvin Brade, Suzanne Kesling and Laura Sheets, Old Nation Bank Loogootee-Susan Arthur, Loogootee Public Library-Darla Wagler, SERVPRO-Tammy May, Bowling Manufacturing-Keith Peacock, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, Hoosier Upland Head Start-Deb Terry, Purdue Extension-Stacy Brown, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner, Williams Brothers-Carrie Lengacher and Kerns Insurance-Ed Kerns.

The treasurer's report was given by Susan Arthur. She explained that both the City of Loogootee and Martin County Alliance sent their payment for the "Live, Work and Play" video to the Chamber; and she forward the money on to Crosspoint. Marie Hawkins made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Jim Stoughton seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The secretary's September report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. The report was sent out in advance with no correction requested. Theresa Abney made a motion to accept the secretary's report, seconded my Marie Hawkins, and all were in favor.

Shop & Taste of Martin County went very well this year. They are still waiting on the billing for advertising to come in, for the final numbers. Theresa Abney and her committee did a great job again this year.

The annual Martin County Alliance and Chamber Golf Scramble also went very good this year. The Chamber thanked Mike Arvin for putting this together each year. They had several new golfers this year along with some of the regular ones. They are still waiting on a couple of hole sponsors' money to come in. Tim Kinder cooked up the hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch.

Nominations of 2017 officers will be held at the November meeting. Noel Harty said he will continue to serve as the president, along with Theresa Abney serving as the vice-president. Susan Arthur said she feel she has been treasurer for several years now, and is willing to turn her position over to someone if there are any takers. Carolyn Parsons-Downey will stay on as secretary for one more year, with the board and members knowing the office will not have set weekly hours.

Duke Energy representatives Kurt Phegley, Marvin Brade, Suzanne Kesling and Laura Sheets, held a short program for the meeting. They shared about farmer safety this time of year as farm equipment is on the roads going from field to field. Also, this time of year the deer are out in full force, be aware and watch out for them also. They had a few questions for the members: What are some ways Duke Energy or other companies show they

value their customers? Where have they not met their mark? What makes a company easy to do business with? What makes a company not easy to do business with? How have they listened to their customers needs? Duke also shared information on the Crane solar facility.

The chamber welcomed Kerns Insurance as a member and Ed Kerns shared information about his agency, and his services. He is a full-service insurance agency, located at 122 Church Street in Loogootee.

Marie Hawkins shared about this year's Navy Ball held at French Lick; it was very well attended and they had a wonderful evening. The Bicentennial will bury the time capsule in December at the courthouse in Shoals, everyone is invited to attend.

Angie Steiner shared about the upcoming 2016 community health fair at Berea Mennonite Church on Saturday, October 29 from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. You may call with questions at 812-636-3000.

Jameson Hibbs shared that West Boggs will host their Halloween weekend they last two weekends of October. This year they will have a haunted house for visitors and campers; the cost is \$2. They are looking for volunteers of about 10-15 people.

Jim Stoughton mentioned that on October 27 at 6 p.m. at the Shoals Library there will be a meeting on Shoals becoming a historical community. There seems to be some misunderstanding from some Shoals residents and they want to make sure everyone has all the correct information. Also, Jim and Donna shared about the 1<sup>st</sup> annual vintage camper rally held at West Boggs, it was very well attended and several campers have already book their spot for next year's rally.

Darla Wagler shared about the active shooter preparedness program, which is presented by Indiana State Police being held November 2, at 1 p.m. at the Loogootee Library. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and register in advance with Darla at the library. The library is also hosting: Wondering About Essential Oils? Three R.N.'s will present this program on November 1 at the library.

Tim Kinder shared about the upcoming meeting with Brian from Ball State on December 15. The meeting is part of the tourism meeting. Brian will be here to offer up his expertise in a discussion with the Martin County Tourism group. It is tentatively set as Brian has some upcoming meetings that may affect his availability for the December 15 tourism meeting.

Duane Smith shared that the Maranatha Tabernacle Church will be serving meals to any veteran in our community on November 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Todd Woods mentioned the public forum from the Office of Community & Rural Affairs on the Joint Land Use Study will be November 16 at 6 p.m. held at WestGate Academy. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Curt Johnson informed the group that after the last chamber meeting the Martin County Community Foundation hosted the Lilly Grant forum, this was the first of several meetings for the presenters; they said we had some great questions gave some good input, and after other meetings will be moving forward with the program and keeping us updated.

The next meeting of the chamber will be November 16 at the Maranatha Tabernacle Church in Loogootee. The meeting begins at noon.



## Loogootee Students, Staff of October

*-Photo provided*  
Loogootee Elementary recently chose their October students and staff member of the month. In the front row, from left to right, are Carter Downey, Declen Arvin, Jenna LeTourneau, Lydia Hawkins, and Lilly Lottes. In the second row, from left to right, are Tommy Wagler, Madison Davis, and Alivia Fox. In the back row, from left to right, are Ashley Green, Carson Brown, Brooklyn Knepp, Mrs. Krista Truelove (staff member of the month), and Evie Goldsberry.

## Shoals students' art on display

The artwork of Shoals Community Schools students is currently on display in downtown Shoals. The artwork was created to commemorate the Indiana Bicentennial, and as historical research for the recent school mural project. Mr. Jim Stoughton, of the Shoals Business Association, contacted Shoals Art Teacher Linda Sherfick about a bicentennial student art display in the former Patient First building on Main street. Mrs. Sherfick decided to combine this art display with research being done for the mural project.

The collaboration began with Bill Greene, president of the Martin County Historical Society. Mr. Greene spoke to Shoals Elementary students about the history of Martin County and southern Indiana. His presentation and display began with a Mastodon tooth, a history of the Miami Indians, French and English traders, the Buffalo Trace, and early transportation and industrial facilities. These included whet stone manufacturing at Hindostan Falls, and the mother of pearl buttons made from White River mussel shells.

Mrs. Cathie Laska, retired Vigo County School Corporation art teacher, created history based lessons for elementary students, from her research and Mr. Greene's information. These art lessons included catfish to commemorate the Shoals Catfish Festival; button fish, recalling the buttons made from mussel shells; Miami Indians mural, as a focus on native peoples of this area; and Freedom Quilts, refer-

encing the Houghton House as a stop on the Underground Railroad. These artworks will be on a rotating exhibit at the former Patient First building.

Mrs. Sherfick's high school art classes researched places of interest to them in Martin County. The students drew from current and historical photographs, and included information about their subjects.

The student's artworks are on display in the following locations: The Shoals News – Jasie Sipes; Old National Bank – Amelia Cooper, Mary Dixon, Kendra Howard, and Olivia Stoll; East Fork Water Office – Alex Bledsoe, Kenady Bratton, Sara Craft, Pearl Crowder, Nick MacKinnon, Amy Parke, Abrianna Rhodes, Autumn Terry, Lilly Thacker, Ethan Wagler, and Hallie Wyman. The Martin County Courthouse is displaying the work of: Delani Armstrong, Bryce Baker, Morgan Bayliss, Caleb Belcher, Rusty Bonham, Kayla Conley, Katelyn Conrad, Makayla Cundiff, Chris Cushman, Hannah Davis, Cole Diamond, Jace Erwin, Max Fischer, Melanie Hawkins, Tyler Lythgoe, Desiree Montanez, Dalton Roush, Joanna Schnarr, Maggie Shaw, Keisha Sircy, Keylee Tow, Jimmy Way, Daniel Wright, and Ruth Wright.

Other locations include: Patient First – Chloe Spencer; VFW – Tyler Mullins and Edmund Neeley; G & R Variety – Alex Brown, Sage Harker, Jacob Harrison, Dylan Hembree, Eli Scott, Sean Winger, and Zach Winger.



Last week, I wrote about the plants that I have included in the new prayer garden I have been installing at the Springs Valley United Methodist Church in French Lick. As promised, this week we will take a look at the accessories that complete the garden.

The garden is designed as a place of prayer and meditation, so seating is important. For many years, a cast-iron bench has been on the porch of the church's parsonage. Since the parsonage has not been used as a residence for several years (The past couple of pastors had their own homes in the area.), the bench had not been used. Church trustee Jerry Allbright cleaned it up, gave it a new coat of white paint and, with some assistance, transported the bench to the new garden. It is a sturdy seat and will make a good place to relax for a few moments in the beauty of the garden. The bench metalwork is in a grapevine motif, which is appropriate for a prayer garden. Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches." (John 15:5) Our spiritual life is dependent on our remaining attached to that vine.

As I stated previously, the garden is surrounded by a row of tall sedums. In future years, this should form a short hedge. I left an opening in the west side as an entryway. I used a simple metal and faux wicker arbor to be the door to the garden. I have planted seeds for cypress vine and passion vine that I hope will climb that arbor next summer.

I have used a couple of types of mulch in the garden. Some mature white pines edge the parking lot and there is an abundance of pine needles. I raked up enough pine needles to mulch around the winterberry hollies. The acid from the pine needles will help give the hollies the soil they prefer. Otherwise, I used hardwood mulch donated by Mike

and Stella Lowe. As is my habit, I surrounded the plants with layers of newspaper before spreading the mulch. The newspapers will help prevent weeds from sprouting, while the mulch will help keep the soil moisture constant and will provide some protection from the cold in the coming winter.

A piece of concrete statuary is a focal point of the garden. It is not large, but is a meaningful addition to the garden. It depicts a lion and lamb lying down together. While this is not an accurate representation of Isaiah's text, it has been a time-honored symbol of the peace that will reign when Jesus returns to reign on the earth. (The prophet Isaiah described a lamb lying with a wolf and the lion with a fatling calf.) Jesus is also the Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God.

Landscape designers often speak of borrowed views, when a garden is arranged to take advantage of a neighboring property or a spectacular view in the distance. In this garden, we will have borrowed sound. The chimes of Our Lady of the Springs Catholic Church, located a couple of blocks away, may be clearly heard and enjoyed when sitting in this garden.

We have plans to add other accessories to the garden. I hope to use a mailbox or other waterproof container to make a Bible and devotional materials available to visitors. I also plan to put down some stepping stones and some edging. I also hope to place a lighted cross between the two windows on the eastern wall.

The Springs Valley United Methodist Church will have a dedication of the garden this Sunday following the morning worship service. We invite you to come. We also hope that people who work in the area will use the garden as a place of rest and reflection.

## Simple answers to new rifle options for deer hunting

Still scratching your head over what's legal and what isn't in the new rifle regulations for deer hunting in Indiana this year?

Here are three questions that will guide you to the correct answers:

-Does the rifle have a barrel at least 16 inches long?

-Is the rifle chambered to fire a cartridge with a case length of at least 1.16 inches?

-Does that cartridge fire a bullet that is either .243 inches or .308 inches in diameter (or their metric equivalents, 6mm and 7.62mm, respectively)?

If the answer is yes to all three, then it's legal under HEA 1231, a law passed earlier this year by the State Legislature.

If the answer is "no" to any of those three questions, it does not meet the HEA 1231 standards for new rifle options.

Remember: Bullet diameter, cartridge case length and barrel length are the determining factors of this law.

Any bullet smaller than .243 (6mm), larger than .308 (7.62mm), or in between .243 and .308 does not qualify. Neither does a cartridge with a case length that is less than 1.16 inches, or a rifle with a barrel shorter than 16 inches.

Here's a twist, though. Some cartridge

es may appear to fall outside the allowable .243 and .308 requirements because of how they are labeled.

Take the .240 Weatherby Magnum, for instance. Disregard the .240 label because the bullet diameter is actually .243 inches and therefore legal to use.

Similarly, .30, .30-06 and .300-caliber cartridges are legal because their bullet diameters are .308 inches.

A few more points:

-The new rifle options can be used only on private land.

-Full-metal jacketed bullets are illegal.

-A hunter can possess only 10 of these legal rounds while in the field.

-There is no tree-stand requirement to use the new rifle options.

The new law does not change regulations previously approved for centerfire rifles chambered for so-called pistol cartridges. Those regulations allow for rifles chambered for cartridges that fire a bullet of .357-inch diameter or larger and have a case length of 1.16 inches to 1.8 inches. Unlike the new high-caliber rifle options, these can be used on private and public land to hunt deer.

If you still have questions about new rifle options for deer hunting, call (317) 232-4003 or (317) 232-4200.



It may be November, but it doesn't look or feel like it today and I'm certainly not complaining. When it comes to completing needed projects, it seems I am often limited in one of three things: time, energy, or money. Sometimes it is all three. It is the time of year to be thinking about winter or at least preparing for it. So, what should we be thinking about? We've discussed some of these before, but friendly reminders are never bad.

It is a good idea to evaluate and balance grazing livestock with available feed. Take different classes (cows, heifers, stockers, ewes, etc.) and figure an average weight per class and then multiply that number times the number of each class. Now you have a total live weight. Multiply that by .03 to get an average daily intake. For example, 20 cows weighing 1,100 pounds is 22,000-pounds live weight times .03 (three percent dry matter intake) equals 660 pounds of dry matter needed per day.

Now what are you going to feed those animals? It could be stockpiled forage, crop residue, hay, supplements, or most likely a combination of these. Stockpiled forage is usually going to be tall fescue with some other grasses and legumes mixed in. You can lay a clipboard on top of the standing sward and then measure the height of the compressed forages to estimate it. If the stand is pretty dense, then there is usually about 300 pounds per acre inch of dry matter. So, if you happen to have 10 inches that is 3,000 pounds of dry matter per acre. You do not want to remove it all, so let's say you remove six inches; that is 1,800 pounds available for grazing times the number of acres of this stockpiled forage. Fields do vary, adjust as needed. The efficiency of grazing rescue will depend on how you allocate it out. If you let stock have the whole field then expect 60-75 percent utilization, at best you'll have 1,800 pounds available. If you allocate it out like you are feeding hay with temporary fence providing one or two days' worth at a time, you'll find the efficiency to be up near 90 percent. In areas with plenty of moisture, the stockpiled fescue is good quality and quantity this fall and will provide a lot of good grazing.

Inventory any hay you have on hand. You should have an idea on how much bales weigh and how many you have of each. For example, if you have fifty 1,500 pound bales (about 1,300-pounds dry matter) on hand, you essentially have 65,000 pounds available. The efficiency of this hay is also dependent on how you feed it, plus how it is stored. The worst case scenario is hay fed free choice without any feeder structure and hay stored outside on the ground which sadly wastes about 45% of the offered hay. Feeding enough hay for only 2-3 days at a time creating some competition between cows, in ring or cone type feeders and storing bales inside is pretty efficient with an average of about 15% waste....that is, assuming that the hay is good quality too. Small bales, fed in feeders, are probably the most efficient, but certainly a little more labor intensive and just not used as often as in the past. If you have silage or balage on

hand to feed, figure it into the plan and generally expect 90% efficiency adjusted to dry weight.

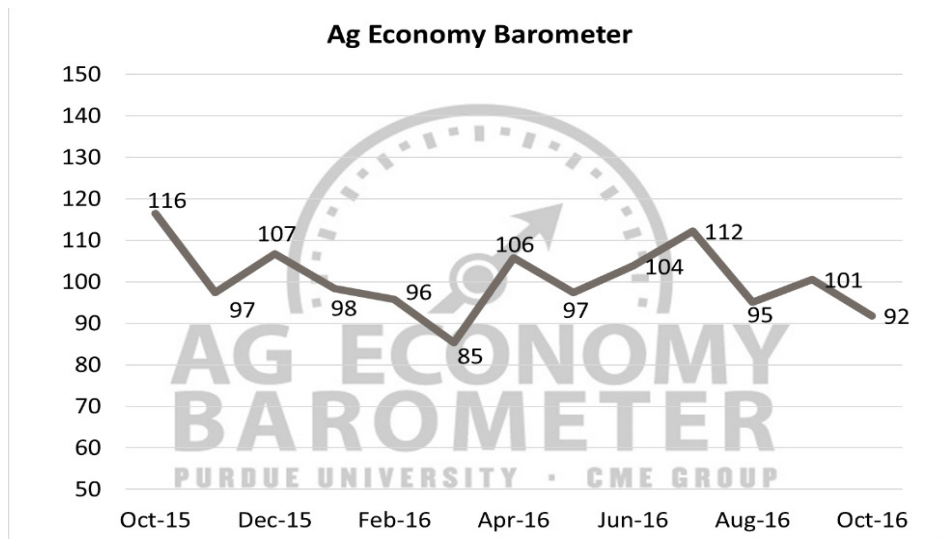
The nutritional value of corn stalks can certainly vary from year to year. Stalks will start out in the 8% crude protein range with approximately 70 percent total digestible nutrients (TDN) and over a period of about 60 days drop to 5 percent crude protein and 40 percent TDN. Spring calving cows will meet most of their energy needs during mid gestation. Growing animals such as calves and fall calving lactating cows may be lacking some in energy and protein and most likely will need to be supplemented if run on stalks.

About one acre of typical corn residue will be needed per animal unit per grazing month. Weekly allocations seem to work very well so you need to figure how many acres of stalks will be needed for one week of grazing for your herd. Higher yielding corn certainly produces more residue and more potential grazing. You can usually bank on about 12-15 pounds of desired residue to graze per bushel of corn. Compare the amount of dry matter you will need for the livestock with how much you have. Now you know about how much dry matter you are going to need to get them through the winter and an idea on how much you have available to feed them. If you are a little short on forages, you can add some supplements such as corn gluten, soybean hulls, etc. into your feeding plan. In fact, you may want to anyway if hay quality is somewhat lacking, or if more energy is needed. We used 3 percent for the intake estimate which is actually a little high, but if we have a wet, cold winter, energy needs to keep warm will increase and any growing animals will also have higher needs. It's better to overestimate than to be short. Cold, wet, and especially muddy conditions will increase energy requirements. If you are still short on feed, then you may want to purchase some hay or consider reducing numbers some.

We will also soon have our first frost; some areas already have. Summer annual warm-season grasses; such as sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids, and johnsongrass produce a cyanide compound when frosted and quickly starts shutting down, causing the production of the prussic acid. To be the safest, livestock should be removed from these forages for at least two weeks to allow for the forages to "dry down" and the prussic acid to dissipate before grazing again. These forages can be harvested for balage right after being frosted and later fed as long as they are allowed their normal fermentation process time period of three or four weeks. Frosted areas could be only "pockets" in a field to start with. Any regrowth from the base of the plant after a frost can also be very high in prussic acid.

This fall there is also quite a few corn fields that look like they have a corn cover crop. This volunteer corn has potential to be good for grazing, especially along with corn residue. It wouldn't be a lot different than a planted winter annual except there is slightly more risk of nitrates, especially where yields were poor. Grazing volunteer corn after be- (See 'GRAZING BITES' on page 9)





The Ag Economy Barometer fell nine points in October to 92, which is the second-lowest reading since data collection began in October 2015. (Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer/David Widmar)

## Barometer: Producer sentiment falls as future optimism wanes

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Producer sentiment about the agricultural economy fell in October as focus shifted to 2017 and optimism about the future declined, according to the November 1 reading of the Purdue/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer.

The Barometer landed at 92, down nine points from September's 101 reading. The current reading is the second-lowest since data collection began a year ago, with only March's 85 coming in lower. The barometer is based on a monthly survey of 400 U.S. agricultural producers.

The drop was due in large part to the Index of Future Expectations, which fell from 109 in September to 95 in October, said Jim Mintert, barometer principal investigator and director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

"The decline in producer sentiment recorded during October was primarily driven by an erosion in producers' perspective regarding the long-run health of the U.S. agricultural economy," he said. "Producers expressed strong pessimism about the agricultural economy's prospects in the next year."

Seventy-nine percent of respondents said that they expect bad times financially over the next 12 months—a jump of 11 percentage points since September. This is the highest share of respondents expressing pessimism since data collection began.

A factor in producer outlook on the future is price expectations, Mintert said. This month's survey included questions about expectations for movement in July 2017 Chicago Board of

Trade (CBOT) futures prices for corn and soybeans.

Twenty-seven percent of respondents said they expect July 2017 CBOT corn futures prices below today's levels. Twenty-five percent said they expect July 2017 CBOT soybean futures prices below where they are today.

Many producers indicated they will make crop management changes in 2017 as a result of these expectations, including 46 percent who intend to lower fertilizer rates.

Also included in the October report is the quarterly Ag Thought Leaders Survey of 100 agribusiness executives, commodity association leaders, agricultural lenders and academics engaged in the agricultural sector. Overall, the thought leaders were more optimistic about crop prices than producers.

Read the full October report, including analysis of the Ag Thought Leaders Survey, at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. The site also has additional resources and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and quarterly webinars.

The next webinar is Thursday (November 3) at 1:30 p.m. (EDT). Mintert and Michael Langemeier, Purdue professor of agricultural economics, will offer insights from the most recent surveys, including thought leaders, and discuss factors driving producer and thought-leader sentiment. Register at <https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/ageconomybarometer/update/>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are now being reported on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTEX.

## GRAZING BITES

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ing frosted could cause bloat, especially if grazed right after the frost. Probably best to remove livestock until it dries down after that frost to play it safe. If in doubt about nitrates or prussic acid – test before feeding or grazing!

Lastly today, if you haven't checked your winter feeding pads, it would be better to do that now while the weather is still good and add more lime topping or aggregate as needed. Also, not a bad idea to take the time to double check winter watering tanks while the weather is still good. Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Heart of America Grazing Conference – January 18-19, 2017, Quincy, IL. Ray Archuleta and Dr. Allen Williams are two of the speakers. More information is available at: <http://illinoisbeef.com>

Northern Indiana Grazing Confer-

ence – February 3-4, 2017 at the Michiana Event Center, Howe, IN. Early registration will be accepted until January 27. For more information about the NIGC or to get a registration form, please call the LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District office at 260-463-3471 extension 3.

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference (SIGC) – March 8, 2017, Crane, IN – Speakers include Darin Williams, Joshua Dukart, and Teddy Gentry. For more information contact the Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation office at 812-254-4780, Ext 3, email Toni Allison [dc.swcd@daviess.org](mailto:dc.swcd@daviess.org), or visit [www.daviesscoswcd.org/index.php/sigc](http://www.daviesscoswcd.org/index.php/sigc) or [www.facebook.com/SouthernIndianaGrazingConference](http://www.facebook.com/SouthernIndianaGrazingConference)

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/)

# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
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Turkey Dinner

The Martin County 4-H Council is hosting the annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building. Dinners include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, slaw, roll, dessert, and drink. Meals are \$10 per adult and \$5 for youth ages 4-10. Prior to the event, please contact the Purdue Extension Martin County Extension Office at (812)295-2412. On the day of the event, please call the Martin County Community Building at (812) 295-3370. Carry outs are available. All proceeds will go toward the state 4-H enrollment fee.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.

Volunteer Training

There will be a volunteer training for current volunteers on Monday, November 14 at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building. Join us to learn new programs to share with your youth and learn more about what's in store for 4-H in 2017.

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Here

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment began on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

If you have any questions or would like information sent to you about enrolling for 4-H, please contact the Martin County Purdue Extension office at 812-295-2412.

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the

space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the community building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a copy.

bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate, please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

Upcoming Area Programs Offer Great Educational Experiences

Food Science Frenzy

It's okay to play with your food when you're using science! Join us for hands-on food science fun! This interactive program will have you making toothpaste explosions inside of a pumpkin and other fun science experiments with food. We will also take a tour of the Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center, so dress for the weather. This event is for any youth grades 3-5, 4-H enrollment is not required. We will meet at the Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center at 4669 Purdue Rd, Vincennes from 2-5 p.m. on November 5. Please RSVP to Cheven May by October 28 at (812) 838-1331 or [maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu).

BoilerMaker Blast!

Join us for an interactive day of tinkering, building, and designing. This program offers a chance for youth grades 6-8 to learn how to use 3D pens, 3D printers, robots, Kiva Planks, and more. The event is on Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alcoa Building, Warrick County 4-H Center, 133 East DeGonia Road, Boonville. This event is free and lunch is provided. No experience necessary and enrollment in 4-H is not required. Please register online at <http://bit.ly/2cVmRgp> or contact Cheven May at [maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu) for a paper

Tree Seedlings Available to Order

DNR tree seedling order forms are available at [www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3620.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3620.htm) or at the Martin County Purdue Extension Office. Any questions can be directed to Vallonia Nursery at (812) 358-3621.

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## Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry deer donation program

Is fall your favorite season and hunting your favorite sport? Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry would like to remind all hunters and landowners about their deer donation program. Approximately one out of every four households within Indiana (that have children) report an inability to be able to afford enough food to feed their family and over 30 percent of Hoosiers regularly have to choose between paying bills or buying food. Protein, the number one nutrient that is vital to brain and body development, is also the hardest commodity for food banks to obtain. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry encourages hunters and farmers to donate large game or livestock to one of our participating butchers to be processed, picked up by local hunger relief agencies and distributed within the county in which it was donated and where funding is available. There is no charge to donors. All processing fees are paid by Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry through tax deductible cash donations and grants from state and local agencies and organizations.

Hunting licenses can be obtained from various locations or on the DNR's website. If you were born after December 31, 1986, you will need to complete a hunter education class through the DNR before getting your hunting license. Some local schools may offer this class or you may sign up online at [www.hunter-ed.com/indiana](http://www.hunter-ed.com/indiana). We are currently in bow hunting sea-

son, which will last until January 1<sup>st</sup>. Firearm season is from November 12 to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr) for additional dates and information.

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry would also like to remind everyone to be safe out there this season! Have a plan before you set out to hunt to ensure your safety, as well as those around you. Some helpful tips include:

- Know your target. Be aware of what you are shooting at and what is beyond it.

- Carry a first-aid/emergency kit in case of any unforeseen circumstances.

- Mark all ground blinds with 144 inches of solid hunter orange so other hunters are aware of you.

- Ensure tree stands are fully secure and that you pull your gear up AFTER you are safely in your stand.

- Make sure someone knows your location.

After you've filled your freezer, please help us to feed those in need within your community by donating to the Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry's "Meat" the need program. To date, they have 90 participating meat processors working in 85 counties in Indiana. Go to [www.HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org](http://www.HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org) to find a processor near you.

For more information on the Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry program, its services, and how you can help, please visit [www.HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org](http://www.HoosiersFeedingtheHungry.org).

## USDA invests \$1.7 billion to protect sensitive agricultural lands through Conservation Reserve Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing nearly \$1.7 billion in payments to more than half of a million Americans who have contracts with the government to protect sensitive agricultural lands. The investment, part of the voluntary USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), will allow producers to protect almost 24 million acres of wetlands, grasslands and wildlife habitat in 2016.

CRP provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who remove environmentally sensitive land from production to be planted with certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and increase wildlife habitat. In return for enrolling in CRP, USDA, through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years.

"We have seen record demand to participate in this important program," said Vilsack. "Despite the current enrollment limit of 24 million acres, USDA is committed to continuing our important partnerships with farmers, ranchers, state and local governments and sportsmen to maintain the environmental benefits provided by the Conservation Reserve Program."

More than 1.3 million acres were newly enrolled in CRP in fiscal year 2016 using the continuous enrollment authority, double the pace of the previous year. In fiscal year 2016, FSA also accepted 411,000 acres through its gen-

eral enrollment authority, plus 101,000 acres in the new CRP-Grasslands program, which balances conservation with working lands. More than 70 percent of the acres enrolled in CRP-Grasslands are diverse native grasslands under threat of conversion, with more than 97 percent of the acres having a new, veteran or underserved farmer or rancher as a primary producer.

During its 30-year history, CRP has reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff by 95 and 85 percent, respectively, and restored 2.7 million acres of wetlands. It has also protected more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian buffers, enough to go around the world seven times. The program provides 15 million acres that are beneficial to pollinators, and hundreds of thousands of acres of wildlife habitat that has resurrected waterfowl and gamebird populations, like pheasants, quail and prairie chicken.

CRP has sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking nine million cars off the road, and prevented nine billion tons of soil from erosion, enough to fill 600 million dump trucks.

For more information about CRP, contact your local FSA office or online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp). Visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/crpis30](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crpis30) or follow Twitter at #CRPis30 for program anniversary background and success stories. To locate your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/results](http://www.usda.gov/results).



## Healthy Rivers Initiative tops halfway mark for land protection

The Healthy Rivers Initiative, the state's largest land conservation program, has reached 35,200 acres, passing the halfway mark toward the goal of permanently protecting 70,000 acres along three Indiana waterways.

HRI was started in 2010 as a partnership of state and federal resource agencies and organizations working with willing landowners to protect more than 43,000 acres along the Wabash River and Sugar Creek, and another 26,000 acres of Muscatatuck River bottomlands.

To date, the Department of Natural Resources has purchased 14,353 acres to go along with 15,212 acres the agency previously owned in the project areas. Another 5,710 acres of privately owned land is now enrolled in conservation easements with the Natural Resources Conservation Service's federal Wetland Reserve Conservation program.

The protected and restored acres connect separated parcels of im-

portant habitat for fish and wildlife, including rest areas for migratory birds. They also establish nature tourism destinations, improve water quality, help protect against flooding of downstream landowners, and open additional public land for bird-watching, boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, and trapping.

Of the 14,353 new acres purchased through HRI, the DNR has opened more than 12,200 acres to public recreation.

The halfway milestone in land conservation was reached through a partnership of the Indiana DNR, The Nature Conservancy of Indiana, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the participation of willing landowners in the HRI project areas.

Visit [HealthyRivers.IN.gov](http://HealthyRivers.IN.gov) for more information and maps to open properties. An infographic illustrating HRI's progress can be found at [www.in.gov/dnr/healthyriver/7699.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/healthyriver/7699.htm).

## Deer hunting licenses available for purchase

Deer licenses for the 2016-17 deer seasons are now available for purchase.

Information on license types and fees is at [wildlife.IN.gov/2380.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/2380.htm). Still not sure what license you need? The DNR online sport license finder can help at [wildlife.IN.gov/6486.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/6486.htm).

A new online license system requires users to set up an account to purchase licenses. Allow additional time to set up your account and enter your information if you haven't done so already.

All adults must set up an account to purchase a license in their own name. Youth licenses (under age 18) can be purchased from an adult's account as an "association." You must be at least 13 to create your own account.

If you were born after December 31, 1986, be sure to enter your hunter ed-

ucation number in the profile page in your online account. The number is required to purchase a standard deer hunting license. You can find your hunter education number at [dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/7721.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/7721.htm)

A crossbow license is required to hunt with a crossbow during the archery season. The deer license bundle allows you to take three antlerless deer or two antlerless and one antlered deer in the archery, firearm, muzzleloader, and special antlerless seasons combined using legal equipment, including crossbows.

State offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 for the Veteran's Day holiday, so buy your license now. Firearms season runs from November 12-27.

## Surveys, open houses collect public input for your state's rail plan

You are invited to share your vision for the future of freight and passenger rail and participate in the development of your state's Rail Plan. The public and all rail stakeholders are encouraged to complete a brief online survey at [www.in.gov/indot/3588.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/3588.htm) and attend one of three rail planning open houses around the state.

Rail planning open-houses will be held in mid-November. Brief presentations will begin at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. local time at the dates and locations listed below. Before and after the presentations will be informal, and the public or rail stakeholders may speak with Indiana Department of Transportation rail and consultant staff and complete a paper survey.

Thursday, November 10  
INDOT Vincennes District, 3650 South U.S. Highway 41, Vincennes, IN 47591

Tuesday, November 15  
INDOT LaPorte District, 315 E. Boyd Boulevard, LaPorte, IN 46352

Thursday, November 17  
INDOT Indianapolis Sub-District, 7105 Brookville Road, Indianapolis IN 46239

Special accommodations will be made for individuals needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Anyone with such needs should contact Rickie Clark with INDOT's Office of Public Involvement at

317-232-6601 or [rclark@indot.in.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.in.gov).

States applying for federal rail funding must have an approved State Rail Plan. INDOT consultant WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff expects to have a draft Rail Plan completed for public review in the spring of 2017. Indiana's most recent State Rail Plan is available at [www.in.gov/indot/files/Rail\\_JanFinal\\_Report\\_011712.pdf](http://www.in.gov/indot/files/Rail_JanFinal_Report_011712.pdf).

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## Four-year agricultural lease agreements available at Patoka Lake

Local farmers and residents are invited to an informational meeting about agricultural leases at 6:30 p.m. (EST), November 9 at Patoka Lake Headquarters.

The property has 323 acres broken into five separate units that are available for a four-year lease. Units are distributed among Newton-Stewart SRA, Lick Fork SRA, Jackson SRA, and Tillery Hill SRA. Bidding packets, maps and other information will be available at the meeting.

Agricultural lease agreements are a DNR contract program for state-owned land employing a farmer who provides seed, fertilizer, herbicide, labor, and machinery to produce a crop in return for a "share" of that crop. The practice allows the DNR to avoid owning and operating expensive equipment while directing staff time to other activities. In addition, certain farming practices can aid in wildlife management efforts by helping prepare soil beds, reducing invasive species through chemical and mechanical removal, and providing

### Winter eagle watch program at Monroe Lake offers training for new volunteers

Citizen Scientist volunteers will soon begin their fifth season of observing Bald and Golden Eagles at Monroe Lake – and you can be a part of it.

A training session for new volunteers will be offered at the Monroe County Public Library on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration for the training session is required by November 14 at <http://bit.ly/wintereagle2016>. The training covers how to identify Bald and Golden Eagles, including the differences between their adult and juvenile forms, as well as a discussion of common behaviors and activities. Attendees are introduced to the structure of the observation program and learn the procedure for recording and submitting field observations.

Participants in the training session are expected to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per month (on their own schedule) between December 1 and March 31.

regular disturbed areas that some species require. Approximately 282 acres have been in agricultural lease for several years. Property management decided to add another 41 acres this year.

Bidding packets, maps, and supplemental information can be obtained at the property office — by appointment only — between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays beginning Wednesday, November 2. Hours and access to specific areas for inspection will depend on the availability of staff. Call the park office at (812) 685-2464 for updates.

Individuals interested in a lease must agree to comply with certain stipulations. Options to renew after the initial four years may be available.

All funds received from the agricultural lease permits will be designated to the Wildlife Management account within Patoka Lake Property. These funds are used for various habitat management efforts within the property.

Patoka Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm)) is located near Birdseye, approximately 12 miles south of French Lick.

### Register for Cemetery History series at Monroe

Registration is open for the first three programs in a new Cemetery History series at Monroe Lake.

Residents of the Salt Creek valley shaped the history of the area that would become Monroe Lake and the Hoosier National Forest. This new program series explores the stories of some of these people and their settlements while visiting old cemeteries that still dot the land.

Each program is free, but spaces are limited. Advance registration is required.

Details on each program available at the link:

-November 17, Hays Hike: Register by November 13 at <http://bit.ly/haysnov2016>.

-December 8, Friendship Tour: Register by December 4 at <http://bit.ly/friendshipdec2016>.

-December 15, Chandler Tour: Register by December 11 at <http://bit.ly/chandlerdec2016>.



## Gray treefrog

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, [www.billwhorrallart.com](http://www.billwhorrallart.com)

Shown above is a gray treefrog. Fun fact: some gray treefrogs spend the winter in a partially frozen state under leaf litter, rocks and logs. People often see them on windows on summer evenings where the frogs feed on bugs attracted to the lights inside.

## Historic cabin to be reconstructed at Spring Mill State Park

Work will begin this fall at Spring Mill State Park to restore a cabin linked to the history of the American Red Cross and its founder, Clara Barton.

The structure was dismantled from its original spot and moved to the state park in 2010.

The park plans to reconstruct the cabin near its current Pine Hill shelter house and make the structure available to rent for reunions, small company picnics, weddings and similar events. Property manager Mark Young targets completion for use by late May 2017.

The cabin was part of an 1893 gift of a 782-acre farm south of Bedford in Lawrence County, near the White River. The land was originally given to Barton by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Gardner of Bedford, who were friends of the famous caregiver.

When Dr. Gardner left active medical practice, he and his wife became volunteers for the Red Cross and worked with Barton on site during disasters like the 1889 Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania. In 1893, a formal reorganization of the Red Cross took place, and the Gardners are listed on the official Red Cross document as charter members.

The Gardners' gift became known as the Red Cross Farm. A 1968 article in The Bedford Daily Times-Mail says their hope was that the property would be developed as a storehouse for Red Cross disaster supplies. Barton frequently came to the farm to rest, but financial support to fund the development the Gardners envisioned never arrived. Eventually, the land was sold back to the Gardners in a tax sale, and they moved to the farm in 1900.

In 1904 the Gardners' house on the property burned. They built a new house, a log cabin, using some material from the old house. That structure is the house to be reassembled at Spring Mill. The project will cost \$30,000, a sum the Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation (HUEDC) has donated to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF) for that purpose.

"Working with strong community partners on projects like this are a tremendous benefit to Indiana's State Parks, the communities they serve, and future generations," said Jody Kress, INRF executive director. "We are extremely grateful for HUEDC's generosity."

You and any veteran you know is invited to our

# VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ~ 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

at Maranatha Tabernacle Church - 13111 Hwy 231 N. (one-half mile north of Loogootee Municipal Building)

We will honor the Veterans of Martin County, Shoals, Loogootee, and surrounding towns, with a luncheon on Saturday, November 12 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Our goal is to honor at least 100 veterans and their families. Lunch will consist of homemade soups (chili, ham & beans, and chicken noodle) and desserts.

Please call 812-295-4349 to attend this free lunch.

"Give to everyone what we owe them...if honor then honor" -Romans 13:7.

Thank you for helping us make this a great day for our Veterans!

God bless America and to those who have made it possible for the rest of us to live in freedom!

# Veteran opportunity program reaches milestone

Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) announce Indiana's Veteran Opportunity Program, a joint venture between the two offices, has reached 350 partners, including both employers and service providers.

"We are so proud of the response to this joint program between the IDVA and the Lt. Governor's office, one that no other state is providing," said Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb, a Veteran of the United States Navy. "This program, free to all Hoosiers Veterans and partners, is providing resources from educational institutions, outreach organizations and employers who specifically want to assist our Veterans. It has already proven to be a direct avenue to connect partners for collaborative outreach events and provided access to direct points of contact for each partnering business and service provider."

The first of its kind program, launched in January 2013, is a resource that directly connects Hoosier Veterans with job opportunities and services available at companies with a goal of employing and assisting men and women who have served their country. There are currently over 85 service providers with unique offerings for Veterans.

"When I joined the Office of the Lt. Governor, there was an obvious need for a user-friendly resource, where Veterans don't have to register, but rather easily search at any time and place, for companies and services that want to specifically help Veterans,"

said Jim Morrison, Director of Veteran Opportunity. "We have worked hard over the last couple of years to create such a site and the resulting feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from Veterans and partners alike."

The site, averaging about 10 new employment and services partners each month, serves as a streamlined resource for Hoosier Veterans who are looking to continue, advance or change their career path or receive additional training or services once their service is completed.

"Our priority is to prepare Veterans to reenter the workplace following their deployment and to link them with the vocational training required for the job, so we are really proud the Lt. Governor's office took an active interest, dedicating Jim Morrison as their liaison, who has attended hundreds of events and further developed relationships with vocational institutions, employers and service providers," said Jim Brown, IDVA Director.

The mission of the IDVA is to assist and provide the best possible services to Veterans in the areas of claims assistance, employment services, education, family assistance and care that will extensively improve the quality of life for all Indiana Veterans and their families.

For more information or to check out the Veteran Opportunity Program:

Employment: [www.in.gov/dva/veteranjobs.htm](http://www.in.gov/dva/veteranjobs.htm)

Services: [www.in.gov/dva/veteran-servicesandresources.htm](http://www.in.gov/dva/veteran-servicesandresources.htm)



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Shown above from left to right are Laura Raley, Ray Crawford, Samantha Bobbitt, Gene Monteilh, Angela Rothwell, Julie Hudson, John Twigg, John Mensch, Bruce Jones, Scott Pfister, Susan Fuller, Julian Galyon, Melissa Klinge, Issiah Santos, and Christina Payne.

## Precise Systems celebrates grand opening of new location at WestGate Tech Park

Precise Systems, Inc. celebrated the grand opening of their fourth location at the WestGate@Crane Technology Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, October 19. They were pleased to welcome Samantha Bobbitt, Executive Director, and Jennifer Lantaff, Office Manager of the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce to celebrate their new presence in the community. Precise is a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SD-VOSB) focused on providing a broad range of professional services with core competencies that include: systems engineering, program and project management, logistics, information technology and cyber security, and software development services for our warfighters. Precise has grown since

its inception in 1990 and is delighted to continue to do so at the WestGate@Crane Technology Park.

Precise President and COO, Scott Pfister says, "As a company that works to best serve our warfighters and our country, we're thrilled to be able to contribute to the economic growth of Daviess County while operating at a location that is ideal for us to successfully support the NSWC, Crane Division."

The company says WestGate@Crane Technology Park is the ideal location for their business to carry out their technical expertise as they expand. Precise now holds four locations that include the headquarters in Lexington Park, Maryland; Havelock, North Carolina; San Diego, California; and Odon, Indiana.

# FLU SHOTS

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By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



-- MEMORIES --

It seems like too often we lose someone close to us, someone that has left a memory, whether it's a story retold over and over, or a twinkling of happiness that brings a smile to your face. But sometimes it's hard. Grief is a normal response to losing someone significant to you.

To memorialize a loved one is an important part of any family's, and their friends', grieving process. Memorials are a way that families can remember and pay tribute to loved ones who have passed on. Memorials allow a person to be remembered for years to come.

-- LIVING ON --

A memorial tells the family that while their loved one may be gone, his or her memory and spirit lives on. They will be forever tied together in the circle of life, that the loved one's life mattered, no matter how long or how short, and will continue to matter. Their impact to us that remain will never be forgotten. A memorial is a way to remember a loved one forever.

-- GIFTS TO CHARITIES --

There are several ways to remember our loved ones, some of which are headstones or grave markers, memorialization urns, statues, plants, flag cases, acts of kindness, writing a heartfelt letter to the family, or a donation to a charity.

When making a donation as a memorial or tribute to a loved one, you need to be sure that it is made to a charity that honors that person. In obituaries you will often see the phrase "in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions/

donations may be made to...". This identifies where to make your donation as a memorial. If you do, you need to do this in a timely fashion (within 10 days after the service), so that the family can include you when writing thank you notes.

If a charitable organization was not specified, then choose one that may have been a favorite charity of the deceased or the family, or perhaps a medical research organization if they passed on from an illness.

-- MCCF FUNDS --

The Martin County Community Foundation has several funds that will let your memorial donation, and the spirit of your loved one, live on forever. The MCCF funds will always be used for future assistance to our local community needs, whether they be for a cemetery, a library, church or other charitable organization, certain areas of interest, or a variety of scholarships.

And if you are not sure which specific fund or need to donate toward, the MCCF has several unrestricted funds that have the flexibility to address the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to find out what funds are available to let the memory of your loved one live on forever, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

You are also welcome to visit our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm) or to "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccomcommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccomcommunityfoundation).

## Christmas Toy Store sponsored by area Christian churches

The Christmas Toy Store will be held on Saturday December 17, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, in Loogootee. Again this year the event will be a truly community Christian event because it is being co-sponsored by the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Loogootee United Methodist Church, the Hindostan United Methodist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, New Beginnings, the Shoals United Methodist Church, the Redemption Christian Church, and the Maranatha Tabernacle Assembly of God. If any other Martin County churches are interested in participating, please contact Curt Johnson at 812-296-7013.

The Christmas Toy Store is full of all kinds of toys donated by parishioners and church members, local businesses and the Crane Navy "Toys for Tots" program. Last year toys and "stocking stuffers" were given away to over 500 children. There were bicycles, a wagon, basketball goal and nice re-

mote-control vehicles given away to some lucky children.

Eligible shoppers and children –Parents and legal guardians ONLY, who reside in Martin County, are eligible to shop for eligible children. Children are eligible for toys if they are 18 years old or younger on December 25, 2016 and a resident of Martin County.

Sign-up locations and dates – Sign-ups are from October 31 through November 25, 2016 at the following four locations. Do not sign-up more than once.

St. Vincent De Paul Store, 516 Park Street in Loogootee

Hoosier Uplands, Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Shoals

Loogootee Library

Shoals Library

Loogootee United Methodist Church

Shopping times – Shopping times for the parents or legal guardians are from 8:30 to 2:30. Shopping times will be assigned as 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, etc. until the last shopping time at 2:30. People will select an available shopping time when they sign up.

## Radius Indiana develops region's first manufacturing index to track economic trends

Radius Indiana Tuesday announced its new tool, the Radius Manufacturing Index, to measure the strength of the manufacturing industry in the region, and reports the RMI shows that the traditionally strong region for manufacturing continues to outpace the state and nation in terms of manufacturing strength.

The RMI was developed in collaboration with Thomas P. Miller & Associates and is an instrument that provides cumulative information about 12 facets of the manufacturing cluster - a hallmark of the Radius region that has never been detailed and tracked at this level for the region. Data was examined from 2013-2015 to create a baseline for subsequent indices, which Radius plans to monitor quarterly.

Among the best news that the RMI provided was that manufacturing jobs in the Radius region have increased by 2,734 in the past five years.

Manufacturing's strength in the area is reflected in the potency of the Radius region's Location Quotient for manufacturing, which is a widely used measurement of the comparative strength of the region compared to the national average. The Radius region's LQ for manufacturing is 2.82, meaning that the industry cluster is 2.8 times more prevalent in the area than the national average.

"Indiana remains the top manufacturing state in the country. The reasons for the success are multifaceted; however a leading factor is because of the strength of the manufacturing sector in Southern Indiana. It helps drive Indiana's economy through innovation and productivity. The new Radius Manufacturing Index will serve as a valuable economic dashboard to help guide future investment and growth," said Brian Burton, president and CEO, Indiana Manufacturers Association.

The RMI also shows how the region is performing in comparison to the state of Indiana. Radius is nearly 1.6 percent times as manufacturing intensive as Indiana overall, and productivity rose 4.4 percent in the region compared to the state's 1.5 percent increase from 2013 to 2015.

"Our company has a long history of

manufacturing in the Radius Indiana region. We appreciate seeing this tool validate our belief in the manufacturing skills and capability that continue to define the regional workforce. It calls attention to what our customers tell us; the people in Dubois County and nearby communities are talented in designing, producing and delivering high quality and complicated products," Lonnie Nicholson, vice president and chief administrative officer of Kimball International in Jasper said. "We are interested in seeing how this tool can help us track and forecast trends in the manufacturing sector, drive continuous improvement, and position our company as the employer of choice, the manufacturing industry as the career of choice, and the Radius region as the location of choice."

Some components of the RMI did show a decline; the number of manufacturing establishments declined by one in the last quarter of 2015, falling from 350 to 349, and the five-year-average manufacturing wage grew at a slower rate than the previous year.

The raw number of the RMI is 57.5 for the end of 2015, which represents the total scores of the 12 factors included in the index. By comparison, the RMI score at the end of 2013 was 45.7 and 58.7 for 2014. The index figures for the state of Indiana followed the same pattern, growing from 43.6 in 2013 to 57.6 in 2014, and 56.6 in 2015.

"We developed this index to allow us to look at trends in manufacturing in the Radius region," said Radius Indiana President Jeff Quyle. "We now have this new tool that will allow us to monitor changes in the manufacturing environment that have never been studied at this level. We will have the ability to adjust our economic development strategies to address market place dynamics."

Radius will monitor the components of the RMI to watch for changes in the manufacturing industry, and to inform industry leaders and policy makers about the changes that occur. The RMI is the first of three indices being developed by Radius to help inform the region about its economic strengths.

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